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Security Council

4 p.m.	5995th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

   Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2008/628)

Afternoon[1]	5996th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5995th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

3 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	26th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [57 (a) and (b)]: reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/206 and A/63/212); 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [43]: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/219): joint debate

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96: *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3 and A/C.1/63/4); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II)[1] and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

(a) Exchange of views with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials on the "Current state of affairs in the field of arms control and disarmament and role of the respective organizations"

Panellists: High Representative for Disarmament Affairs; Director-General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); Director-General, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW); Executive Secretary, Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO); and Secretary-General, Conference on Disarmament

(b) Thematic discussion on the issue of nuclear weapons

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

[1] To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

   Question of Western Sahara

   Draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.5

2. International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/63/20) . . . . . [28]

   General debate

Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

[1]To be held immediately following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Committee.

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Operational activities for development (A/63/71-E/2008/46, A/63/85-E/2008/83, A/63/201, A/63/205 and A/63/207) . . . . . [54]

Introductory statements followed by "question time"

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Operational activities for development (A/63/71-E/2008/46, A/63/85-E/2008/83, A/63/201, A/63/205 and A/63/207) . . . . . [54]

Conclusion of general discussion

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Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Advancement of women (A/63/38[1], A/63/222 and A/63/215) . . . . . [56]

(a) Advancement of women (A/63/214, A/63/216, A/63/364[1] and A/63/205)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (A/63/217)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/41) . . . . . [60]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/160, A/63/227 and A/63/203)

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children (A/63/308)

Statements by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Statement by the Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund, followed by "question time"

Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

General discussion

[1]To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6, A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.12, A/63/169, A/63/327, A/63/327/Add.1 and A/63/474) . . . . . [116]

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme planning (A/63/16, A/63/6 (Part one), A/63/6 (Prog.1), A/63/6 (Prog.2), A/63/6 (Prog.3), A/63/6 (Prog.4), A/63/6 (Prog.5), A/63/6 (Prog.6), A/63/6 (Prog.7), A/63/6 (Prog.8), A/63/6 (Prog.9), A/63/6 (Prog.10), A/63/6 (Prog.11), A/63/6 (Prog.12), A/63/6 (Prog.13), A/63/6 (Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/63/6 (Prog.15), A/63/6 (Prog.16), A/63/6 (Prog.17), A/63/6 (Prog.17)/Corr.1 (Arabic, Chinese and English only), A/63/6 (Prog.18), A/63/6 (Prog.18)/Corr.1 (French only), A/63/6 (Prog.19), A/63/6 (Prog.20), A/63/6 (Prog. 21), A/63/6 (Prog.22), A/63/6 (Prog.23), A/63/6 (Prog.23)/Corr.1), A/63/6 (Prog.24), A/63/6 (Prog.25), A/63/6 (Prog.26), A/63/6 (Prog.27) and A/63/70) . . [119]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11, A/63/68, A/62/11, A/62/70, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/C.5/61/11 and A/56/767))

[1]Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

Working Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Criminal accountability of United Nations Officials and experts on Mission . . . [73]

Informal consultations

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations)

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 74 (Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session (UNCITRAL)) will be discussed on Monday, 20 October; agenda item 72 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States) will be discussed on Tuesday, 21 October; and agenda item 78 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) will be discussed on Wednesday, 22 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 15 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The prevention of illicit brokering activities" (under agenda item 91) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Australia and the Republic of Korea)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors and interested States on the draft resolution entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United Kingdom)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (under agenda item 89 (e)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

2.30–3.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific" (under agenda item 90 (f)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Nepal)

3.15–4.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on criminal accountability)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the administration of justice)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on operational activities for development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other activities

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Briefing on the administrative arrangements for the Second Global Forum on Migration and Development (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Permanent Mission of the Philippines (tel. 1 (212) 764-1300, ext. 36).]

Panel discussion on "Do not sever your lifeline! Why involving young people is crucial for development, especially in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and how to engage them" (organized by the United Nations Youth Delegates and supported by the Permanent Missions of Jamaica, the Netherlands and Thailand)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Wouter Thiebou (tel. 1 (347) 573-6294; e-mail wouterthiebou@gmail.com); or Ms. Laura Bosch (tel. 1 (212) 519-9738; e-mail laura.bosch@minbuza.nl).]

Panel discussion to mark the first observance of the International Day of Rural Women (15 October) (co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Emmanuelle Collet, Division for the Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963-4426; e-mail collete@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Joel Boutroue, United Nations Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator in Haiti (to provide an update on the situation in that country)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

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Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 16 October, at 12 noon.

The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Dialogue with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

There will be an interactive dialogue between the executive secretaries of the regional commissions and the Second Committee on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to examine the challenges facing food security in the various regions, including those relating to the volatility of food and energy prices, as well as climate change; and to review a number of national and regional policy options and initiatives, with a view to long-term and sustainable solutions to achieve food security within and among the regions. The dialogue will be moderated by Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and current Coordinator of the regional commissions.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6905).

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on the "Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)" on Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address priorities for action within the framework of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty and launch the discussion ahead of consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Second Decade.

The panel discussion is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2598).

List of speakers

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Composition of delegations

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Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

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Third Committee

List of speakers

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Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 8th meeting on Thursday, 16 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 8th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefings

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Security sector reform" on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Experiences of Member States to increase the number of uniformed female personnel" on Monday, 20 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (under agenda item 89 (f)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.4, entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (under agenda item 64 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (under agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Programme 19" (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Monday, 21 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on the draft resolution on terrorism)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Eastern European Group (Fifth Committee experts)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10. to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (under agenda item 49 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Guatemala)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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DPI/NGO briefing entitled "The situation of rural women: Providing the tools for economic empowerment"

Thursday, 16 October 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Sections, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the *Least Developed Countries Report 2008*

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.35 p.m. in *Conference Room D.*

[All are invited to attend.]

Special event in observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Human rights and dignity of people living in poverty" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information contact Ms. Renata Kaczmarska (tel. 1 (212) 963-4596; e-mail kaczmarska@un.org); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlDay/2008intlday.html>.]

Launch of the book entitled "Indigenous Peoples: Keepers of our Past — Custodians of our Future" (organized by IWGIA and the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Monday, 20 October 2008, at 6 pm in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the secretariat of the UNPFII (tel. 1 (917) 367-5100; e-mail indigenouspermanentforum@un.org).]

Seminar on "What made judges and lawyers oppose the death penalty" (organized by Amnesty International and sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marta Balla, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 223).]

Panel discussion on "The United Nations Human Rights Defenders Declaration after ten years: Protecting rights in a changing world" (organized by Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Azin Tadjdini, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1549; e-mail azta@mfa.no).]

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference is set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

Security Council

5993rd meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2008/586)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain and Uruguay, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/642, which had been submitted by Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, the United States of American and Uruguay.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/642) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/642) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1840 (2008).

5994th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2008/617)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, the Netherlands, Norway and Pakistan, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kai Eide, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Eide.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United States, Belgium, Indonesia, Viet Nam, France (speaking in his national capacity as well as on behalf of the European Union), the United Kingdom, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Croatia, the Russian Federation, Panama and Costa Rica, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of India, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, the Netherlands, Germany and Norway.

Mr. Eide responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

8th meeting — The summary of the 8th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/202).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

8th meeting — *Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples* . . . . . [37]

Action on draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 37

Question of Western Sahara

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to defer action on document A/C.4/63/L.5 until Wednesday, 15 October.

Question of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the draft amendment submitted by the United Kingdom to draft resolution VI (A/C.4/63/L.6).

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space . . . . . [28]

General debate

The Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space introduced the report of that Committee.

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR and its associated States Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representatives of Chile and Brazil made statements on points of clarification.

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of China, Thailand (on behalf of ASEAN), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia), Kazakhstan, India, Colombia, the United States, Cuba, Jamaica and Australia.

Third Committee

10th meeting — *Advancement of women* . . . . . [56]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

An introductory statement was made by the Executive Coordinator for global health of the United Nations Population Fund.

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Kyrgyzstan, the Philippines, India, Morocco, Singapore, Ghana, Malta, the Niger, San Marino, Thailand, Burkina Faso, Malawi, the Congo, Lebanon, Fiji, the Syrian Arab Republic, El Salvador, Kenya and Swaziland.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the International Labour Organization.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

11th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [55 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [55 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.6

The representative of Brazil introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Paraguay, Poland and Slovakia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [55 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.4

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Japan.

United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all . . . . . [55 (d)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.7

The representative of Mongolia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Finland, Israel, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Singapore.

The Bahamas, Bhutan, Cape Verde, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Guinea, Haiti, Mozambique and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons [55 (e)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3

The representative of the Philippines introduced the draft resolution.

Benin, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Mongolia, Mozambique, Panama, Paraguay, Senegal and Sri Lanka joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9

The representative of Belarus introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Cape Verde and Nicaragua joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.11

The representative of Uganda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the African States Group.

Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Island Forum), Iceland, Nepal, Yemen, Indonesia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ukraine, Nicaragua, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Tunisia, Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Afghanistan, the Republic of Korea, Mauritania, Eritrea and Bolivia.

Right of reply

The representatives of Japan and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Fifth Committee

6th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

The Deputy-Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/708).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/62/7/Add.40).

Statements were made by the representatives Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Serbia, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Angola (on behalf of the African Group), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio

Group), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Thailand, South Africa, Egypt, Malaysia, Brazil, the Philippines, China, Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Botswana, Indonesia, the Sudan, Pakistan, Japan and the United States.

Sixth Committee

8th meeting

The rule of law at the national and international levels . . . . . [79]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 79.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Mexico and Azerbaijan. Statements were also made by the observers of the Holy See, the International Development Law Organization and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 79.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

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	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
A/AC.183/SR.310	Meeting held on 14 July 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/359	Item 121 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 3, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F, 28G, 33 and 35 related to business continuity management — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/371	Items 40 and 118 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/474	Item 116 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2007 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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A/C.1/63/L.1	Item 86 — Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East — Egypt: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.2	Item 92 — The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East — Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/L.6	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: amendment to draft resolution VI, contained in document A/63/23, chap. XII — Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/63/L.7	Item 55 (d) — Social development: United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all — Armenia, Bulgaria, Colombia, Guatemala, Mongolia and Nicaragua: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.9	Item 97 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Belarus, Russian Federation and Uzbekistan: draft resolution — Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.10	Item 97 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Italy: draft resolution — Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.11	Item 97 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Kenya: draft resolution — United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

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Substantive session 2008
Humanitarian affairs segment

E/2008/SR.31	Meeting held on 16 July 2008, 10 a.m. [E F S (only)]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Official Records

Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
Twenty-sixth Meeting

CCPR/SP/SR.32	Meeting held on 28 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

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DP/2008/37	Item 1 of the provisional agenda — Organizational matters — Report of the annual session 2008 (16 to 27 June 2008, Geneva) [A C E F R S]

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Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

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General Assembly

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Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3 and A/C.1/63/4); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II)[1] and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

Thematic discussion on the issue of nuclear weapons

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

[1]To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

   Question of Western Sahara

   Draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.5

   Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

   Draft resolution VI (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 64)

   Amendment (A/C.4/63/L.6)

2. Effects of atomic radiation (A/63/46) . . . . . [27]

   General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference (A/62/921, A/63/80-E/2008/67, A/63/123, A/63/179, A/63/345, A/C.2/63/2 and A/C.2/63/3[1]) . . . . . [48]

Introductory statements followed by "question time"

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference (A/62/921, A/63/80-E/2008/67, A/63/123, A/63/179, A/63/345, A/C.2/63/2 and A/C.2/63/3[1]) . . . . . [48]

Briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and the Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations

Conclusion of general discussion

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Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

[1]To be issued.

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/41) . . . . . [60]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/160, A/63/227 and A/63/203*)

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children (A/63/308)

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10

2. International drug control . . . . . [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/41) . . . . . [60]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/160, A/63/227 and A/63/203*)

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children (A/63/308)

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708 and A/62/7/Add.40)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/794, A/63/303 and A/63/465))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708 and A/62/7/Add.40))

[1]Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations)

Working Group

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 74 (Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session (UNCITRAL)) will be discussed on Monday, 20 October; agenda item 72 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States) will be discussed on Tuesday, 21 October; and agenda item 78 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) will be discussed on Wednesday, 22 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1]Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Pattern of conferences

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Thursday, 16 October 2008

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (under agenda item 89 (f)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.4, entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (under agenda item 64 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (under agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

2–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Thursday, 16 October 2008

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the Committee on Information)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on the draft resolution on terrorism)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Friends of the International Criminal Court

1.30–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Arab Group (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) experts)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Other activities

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Thursday, 16 October 2008

DPI/NGO briefing entitled "The situation of rural women: Providing the tools for economic empowerment"

At 10.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Sections, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the *Least Developed Countries Report 2008*

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 16 October 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
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Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 17 October 2008

General Assembly
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10 a.m. . . . . 28th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council . . . . . [103 (a)]

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is *today*, 16 October, at 12 noon. The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Dialogue with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

There will be an interactive dialogue between the executive secretaries of the regional commissions and the Second Committee on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to examine the challenges facing food security in the various regions, including those relating to the volatility of food and energy prices, as well as climate change; and to review a number of national and regional policy options and initiatives, with a view to long-term and sustainable solutions to achieve food security within and among the regions. The dialogue will be moderated by Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and current Coordinator of the regional commissions.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6905).

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on the "Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)" on Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address priorities for action within the framework of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty and

launch the discussion ahead of consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Second Decade.

The panel discussion is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2598).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 17 October 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefings

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Security sector reform" on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Experiences of Member States to increase the number of uniformed female personnel" on Monday, 20 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia" (First Committee) (under agenda item 89 (i)) (convened by the delegation of Kyrgyzstan)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Programme 19" (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m.1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.11, entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders" (under item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uganda)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Eastern European Group (Fifth Committee experts)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (under agenda item 49 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Guatemala)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Human rights and dignity of people living in poverty" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World)

Friday, 17 October 2008

Opening ceremony
From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Round table on "Turning rhetoric into action — Building effective partnerships to combat extreme poverty and exclusion" (organized by the International Movement ATD Fourth World, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)
From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information contact Ms. Renata Kaczmarska (tel. 1 (212) 963-4596; e-mail kaczmarska@un.org); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlDay/2008intlday.html>.]

Launch of the book entitled "Indigenous Peoples: Keepers of our Past — Custodians of our Future" (organized by IWGIA and the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Monday, 20 October 2008, at 6 pm in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the secretariat of the UNPFII (tel. 1 (917) 367-5100; e-mail indigenouspermanentforum@un.org).]

Seminar on "What made judges and lawyers oppose the death penalty" (organized by Amnesty International and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marta Balla, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 223).]

Panel discussion on "The United Nations Human Rights Defenders Declaration after ten years: Protecting rights in a changing world" (organized by Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Azin Tadjdini, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1549; e-mail azta@mfa.no).]

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference was set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed

countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Georgia and Bahrain.

A statement was made by the observer for Palestine.

A statement was also made by the observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Georgia.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items.

Thematic discussion

The Committee began its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96".

The meeting was suspended.

The High Representative for Disarmament Affairs made a statement concerning the follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous session, which was followed by an informal question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

The Chairman opened the thematic discussion on nuclear weapons.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group), Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR and associate States), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the Central Asian States), Canada and South Africa.

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

A statement was made by the representative of France.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Wednesday, 15 October 2008

Security Council

5995th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2008/628)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Pursuant to the invitation extended at the 5988th meeting, the President invited the representative of Guinea-Bissau to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/37).

5996th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/648, which had been submitted by United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/648) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/648) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1841 (2008).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

26th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [57 (a) and (b)]*: reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/206 and A/63/212); 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa* [43]*: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/219): joint debate*

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the African States), France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ghana, the Russian Federation, Algeria, Tunisia, Japan, Egypt, Canada, Indonesia, South Africa, Myanmar, Belarus, the Sudan and India.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that, at the request of the sponsor, the consideration of agenda item 113 (Multilingualism), scheduled for Monday, 20 October 2008, had been postponed to a later date to be announced.

27th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [57 (a) and (b)]: *reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/206 and A/63/212)*; *2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa* [43]: *note by the Secretary-General (A/63/219)*: *joint debate*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 57 and its sub-items (a) and (b) and agenda item 43.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Sierra Leone, Kuwait, China, the Philippines, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Namibia, Brazil, Zambia, Cuba, Senegal, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Benin, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania and Bangladesh.

Main Committees

First Committee

9th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96".

The Chairperson opened the exchange on the "Current state of affairs in the field of arms control and disarmament and role of the respective organizations".

Statements were made by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the representative of the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

The Committee continued the thematic discussion on nuclear weapons.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Chile, Norway, Pakistan, Japan, Austria, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, Indonesia, Cuba and Kuwait.

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

9th meeting

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

Action on draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 37

Question of Western Sahara

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to defer action on document A/C.4/63/L.5 until Thursday, 16 October.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, pertaining to document A/C.4/63/L.6.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space . . . . . [28]

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of the Philippines, the Russian Federation, the Czech Republic, Japan, Fiji, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Sudan, Nigeria and Cameroon.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

Second Committee

9th meeting

Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

The Committee began is consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs and the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Montenegro, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Colombia, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, India, Ethiopia, Thailand, Switzerland, Mozambique, Belarus, Cuba, Saudi Arabia and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

10th meeting

Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of China, Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran, El Salvador and Nepal.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana) and the Secretary.

Third Committee

12th meeting

Advancement of women [56]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Israel, Bahrain, Myanmar, Zambia, Guatemala, Panama, Ethiopia, Norway, Argentina, Jordan, Tonga, the United Republic of Tanzania and Cameroon, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 56 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

13th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [60]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The representatives of the Russian Federation, Lebanon, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Benin, France, Uruguay, Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the observer for Palestine, posed questions and made comments to the presenters.

In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 62/141, the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child made a statement.

General discussion

The Committee then began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Qatar (on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council), Japan, the Sudan, the United States and Colombia.

Fifth Committee

7th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [116]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of External Audit of France and Chairman of the Audit Operations Committee of the Board of Auditors introduced the reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6,

A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12 and A/63/169).

The Director of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/327 and A/63/327/Add.1).

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/474).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; EFTA country Liechtenstein member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Friday, 17 October, in the morning, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hesham Mohamed Eman Afifi (Egypt).

Programme planning . . . . . [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee (A/63/16).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/63/16, A/63/6 (Part one), A/63/6 (Prog.1), A/63/6 (Prog.2), A/63/6 (Prog.3), A/63/6 (Prog.4), A/63/6 (Prog.5), A/63/6 (Prog.6), A/63/6 (Prog.7), A/63/6 (Prog.8), A/63/6 (Prog.9), A/63/6 (Prog.10), A/63/6 (Prog.11), A/63/6 (Prog.12), A/63/6 (Prog.13), A/63/6 (Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/63/6 (Prog.15), A/63/6 (Prog.16), A/63/6 (Prog.17), A/63/6 (Prog.17)/Corr.1 (Arabic, English and Chinese only), A/63/6 (Prog.18), A/63/6 (Prog.18)/Corr.1 (French only), A/63/6 (Prog.19), A/63/6 (Prog.20), A/63/6 (Prog.21), A/63/6 (Prog.22), A/63/6 (Prog.23), A/63/6 (Prog.23)/Corr.1), A/63/6 (Prog.24), A/63/6 (Prog.25), A/63/6 (Prog.26) and A/63/6 (Prog.27)).

The Chief of the Oversight Support Unit introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/70).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan and the Russian Federation.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination replied to questions raised.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Javad Safaei (Islamic Republic of Iran).

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 11th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/201, p. 24): the first paragraph under agenda item 55 (d) *should read* as follows:

> The representative of Mongolia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Finland, Israel, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Singapore, *and orally revised the text.*

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Switzerland (15 October 2008)[1]

European Agreement on the application of article 23 of the 1949 Convention on road traffic, concerning the dimensions and weights of vehicles permitted to travel on certain roads of the Contracting Parties. Geneva, 16 September 1950

Accession: Albania (14 October 2008)[1]

Convention on the Taxation of Road Vehicles for Private Use in International Traffic. Geneva, 18 May 1956

Accession: Albania (14 October 2008)[1]

Convention on the Taxation of Road Vehicles Engaged in International Passenger Transport. Geneva, 14 December 1956

Accession: Albania (14 October 2008)[1]

European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets used in International Transport. Geneva, 9 December 1960

Accession: Albania (14 October 2008)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol amending article 1 (a), article 14 (1) and article 14 (3) (b) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Geneva, 28 October 1993

Ratification: Germany (14 October 2008)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Timor-Leste (14 October 2008)[1]

Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Denmark (13 October 2008)[1]

Territorial exclusion: Denmark (13 October 2008)[1]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Ratification: New Zealand (13 October 2008)[1]

Territorial exclusion: New Zealand (13 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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A/63/475	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 3 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/479	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Development Account — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.4	Item 19 — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Cuba: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/63/2	Item 48 — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference — Note verbale dated 6 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/642	Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, United States of America and Uruguay: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5993	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/5994 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

S/RES/1840 (2008) Adopted by the Security Council at its 5993rd meeting, on 14 October 2008 [A C E F R S]

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

S/AC.50/2008/62 Note verbale dated 3 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

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General segment

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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1650th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	28th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Drafting session on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

A drafting session on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The session will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Roo

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3 and A/C.1/63/4); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/2 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part I and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1 A/C.1/63/INF/1]

Thematic discussion on the issue of other weapons of mass destruction

Exchange with the Chairman of the Panel of Governmental Experts established to explore further the issue of missiles in all its aspects.

[*Note*: The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Roo

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

   Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caic Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

   Action on draft resolution VI (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 64) and amendment (A/C.4/63/L.6)

2. Questions relating to information (A/63/21)

   Interactive dialogue

   General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2

Interactive dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions on "Food security: Regional perspectives on current challenges and opportunities"

Chair:

Mr. Martin Hoppe (Germany), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee

Presentations by:

Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, on "*The food crisis: The role of the advanced economies in Europe and North America*"

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, on "*Volatility and financial contagion: The effects on Latin America and the Caribbean*"

Mr. Bader Al Dafa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, on "*Food security in the UNESCWA region: Challenges and opportunities*"

Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and current Coordinator of the Regional Commissions, on "*Ensuring food security in Asia-Pacific: Addressing threats to development*"

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, on "*Moving from short-term measures: A regional approach to addressing Africa's structural food crisis*"

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Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

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Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/41) . . . . . [60]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/63/160, A/63/227 and A/63/203*)

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children (A/63/308)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6, A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/63/169, A/63/327, A/63/327/Add.1 and A/63/474))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Strengthening the Department of Political Affairs (A/62/521, A/62/521/Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25 and A/61/357))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations)

Working Group

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission . . . [73]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 74 (Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session (UNCITRAL)) will be discussed on Monday, 20 October; agenda item 72 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States) will be discussed on Tuesday, 21 October; and agenda item 78 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) will be discussed on Wednesday, 22 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1]Following the adjournment of the informal consultations (closed) of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Security sector reform" *today*, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 17 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia" (First Committee) (under agenda item 89 (i)) (convened by the delegation of Kyrgyzstan)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Programme 19" (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Friday, 17 October 2008

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on strengthening the environmental activities in the United Nations system)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Rio Group (Second Committee experts (on migration))

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

African Group (Third Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Other activities

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Friday, 17 October 2008

Interactive panel on "Humanitarian Law and Policy Forum: Is There a Right to Humanitarian Access?" (webcast from Harvard University, in coordination with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, the Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer; the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

From 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-2127A.

[All are invited to attend the viewing or to access the live webcast independently at <http://ihlforum.ning.com>. For further information, please contact Ms. Hyun Jin Chung, Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer (tel. 1 (212) 963-4144; e-mail chunghj@un.org).]

Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Human rights and dignity of people living in poverty" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World)

Commemoration ceremony

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Round table on "Turning rhetoric into action — Building effective partnerships to combat extreme poverty and exclusion" (organized by the International Movement ATD Fourth World, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information contact Ms. Renata Kaczmarska (tel. 1 (212) 963-4596; e-mail kaczmarska@un.org); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlDay/2008intlday.html>.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 17 October 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Ms. María Magdalena Sepúlveda, United Nations Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty; and Ms. Nina Lim Yuson, President, International Movement ATD Fourth World (on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 20 October 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 29th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [57 (a) and (b)]: reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/206 and A/63/212); 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [43]: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/219): joint debate
2. Follow-up to the Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: report of the Secretary-General (A/63/213); draft resolution (A/63/L.5)[1] . . . . . [108]
3. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations . . . . . [109]

[1] To be issued.

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on the "Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)" on Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address priorities for action within the framework of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty and launch the discussion ahead of consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Second Decade.

The panel discussion is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2598).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Wednesday, 22 October 2008
3 p.m.

Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief; Mr. Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism; and Ms. María Magdalena Sepúlveda, Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty

Thursday, 23 October

10 a.m.

Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and Mr. Richard Falk, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

3 p.m.

Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; and Ms. Raquel Rolnik, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

Friday, 24 October 2008

10 a.m.

Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (oral report); Ms. Margaret Sekaggya, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; and Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

3 p.m.

Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos, Special Rapporteur on the right to education

Monday, 27 October 2008

10 a.m.

Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development (oral report); Mr. Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; and Mr. Cephas Lumina, Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

3 p.m.

Mr. Walter Kalin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons; Mr. Anand Grover, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Monday, 3 November 2008

10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 20 October 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Experiences of Member States to increase the number of uniformed female personnel", scheduled for Monday, 20 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. *has been cancelled.*

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Working Group on Lessons Learned

There will be a meeting (open) of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of the Peacebuilding Commission on "United Nations rule of law assistance", on Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (A/RES/62/90) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m.1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Programme 19" (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.11, entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders" (under item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uganda)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence, for the Signatory countries of the Geneva Declaration (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the core group of States of the Geneva Declaration)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations

From Tuesday, 21, to Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Eastern European Group (Fifth Committee experts)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (under agenda item 49 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Guatemala)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Launch of the book entitled "Indigenous Peoples: Keepers of our Past — Custodians of ou[illegible]re" (organized by IWGIA and the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Monday, 20 October 2008, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the secretariat of the UNPFII (tel. 1 (917) 367-5100; e-mail indigenouspermanentforum@un.org).]

Seminar on "What made judges and lawyers oppose the death penalty" (organized by Amnesty International and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Chile, Timor-Leste and Uruguay)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marta Balla, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 223).]

Interactive panel on "The price of dignity: Human rights and global economics" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

Panel discussion on "The United Nations Human Rights Defenders Declaration after ten years: Protecting rights in a changing world" (organized by Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Azin Tadjdini, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1549; e-mail azta@mfa.no).]

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitate work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distribute all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations a verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts he interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whe possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 16 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussi item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted agenda items 81 to 96".

The thematic discussion on nuclear weapons was continued.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), the United Kingdom, Mongolia, the United States, China, the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Turkey, Bangladesh, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Algeria, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Qatar, India, Switzerland and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition) ("Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments"); Mongolia ("Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status"); the United States ("Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments"); Myanmar ("Nuclear disarmament"); Egypt ("Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" and "The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East"); India ("Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons", "Reducing nuclear danger" and "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction"); and Switzerland ("Decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems").

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Chairperson thus concluded the thematic discussion on nuclear weapons.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10th meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [27]

The Chairman made a statement.

A presentation was made by the Secretary of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR).

The delegation of Canada, in its capacity as Chair of UNSCEAR, made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR: Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; and Armenia), Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Australia, the Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Ukraine, Pakistan, Finland, Belarus and Japan.

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [37]

Action on draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 37

Question of Western Sahara

The Committee decided to defer action on document A/C.4/63/L.5 until Monday, 20 October.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Ca Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The Committee decided to defer action on document A/C.4/63/L.6 until Friday, 17 October.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that its next meeting would be held on 17 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Second Committee

11th meeting

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Confere on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference

The Committee began is consideration of the item and heard an introductory statem by the Chief of the Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Branch of the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which comments were made and question were posed by the representatives of the United States, Antigua and Barbuda, Austr and Japan.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by th representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kenya (on beh of the African Group), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), C (on behalf of the Rio Group), Guatemala, China, Qatar, Colombia, Morocco, Japan, Algeria and Ethiopia.

12th meeting

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Confere on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference

The Committee heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations and the Assistant Secretary-General for Econ Development on the highlights of the Annual Meetings of the Bretton Woods institutions.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which comments were made and question were posed by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Pakistan, Brazil, Mexic Nigeria, Japan, Bangladesh and Benin.

The Committee then continued in general discussion of the item and heard statemer by the representatives of the Philippines, Brazil, Ukraine, Belarus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, El Salvador and Nige.ia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the Vice-Chairman (Germany) and the Secretary.

Third Committee

14th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [60]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Iraq, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Belarus, the Philippines, China, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Cuba, Kenya, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Viet Nam, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chile, Tunisia, Pakistan, Switzerlanc and Senegal.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Organization for Migration and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The representative ofthe International Labour Organization also made a statement.

15th meeting

Crime Prevention and criminal justice [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10

The representative ofItaly introduced the draft resolution.

Costa Rica, Guatemaa, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

International drug control [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8

The representative ofMexico introduced the draft resolution.

Benin, Cape Verde, Chile, Guatemala, Haiti, Mauritania, Paraguay, Peru, Tajikistan and Timor Leste joined insponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [60]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Norway, Singapore, Georgia, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, India, Israel, Swaziland, Ghana, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Monaco, the United Republic of Tanzania, Jordan, Eritrea, Malawi, Netherlands, Yemen, Thailand, Fiji and Mongolia.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation ad Georgia.

Fifth Committee

8th meeting

Programme budget fo the biennium 2008-2009 [118]

The Committee resumd its consideration of this agenda item.

Improving the ejective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development related activitiesand the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 208-2009 (A/62/708 and A/62/7/Add.40)

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of CARICOM), India, Argentina, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Algeria, the Con Chile, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Singapore, Uzbekistan, Ecuador, Qatar, Kazakhstan and Nigeria.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Thursday, 16 October, in the afternoon, in Conference Roo under the chairmanship of Mr. Carlos G. Ruíz (Mexico).

Organization of work

The Secretary reminded the Committee that Friday, 17 October 2008, was the deadli for the submission of candidatures to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 105 (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) (Appointments to fill vacan in subsidiary organs and other appointments), and Friday, 7 November 2008, as the d of the elections.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Kiev, 21 May 2003

***Ratification*: Sweden (15 October 2008)[1]**

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 16 October 2008.

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General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People **Special meeting to mark sixty years of dispossession of Palestine refugees**
A/AC.183/SR.309	Meeting held on 20 June 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

General Assembly	Documents
	Sixty-third session
A/63/203*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/310	Item 123 — Human resources management — Composition of the Secretariat — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/368–S/2008/612	Items 15 and 16 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/63/L.3	Item 83 — Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe — The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: draft decision [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/63/L.8	Item 98 — International drug control — Mexico: draft resolution — International cooperation against the world drug problem [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
A/63/368–S/2008/612	Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/638	Letter dated 2 October 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/648	United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5995	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5996	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2008/37	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1841 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5996th meeting, on 15 October 2008 [A C E F R S]

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	Peacebuilding Commission **Third session**
	Central African Republic configuration
PBC/3/CAF/SR.1	Meeting held on 2 July 2008, 11 a.m. [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Official Records

Substantive session 2008
Humanitarian affairs segment

E/2008/SR.30	Meeting held on 15 July 2008, 3 p.m. [E F S (only)]
E/2008/SR.32	Meeting held on 16 July 2008, 3 p.m. [E F S (only)]
E/2008/SR.37	Meeting held on 21 July 2008, 3 p.m. [E F S (only)]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Official Records

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-first session

CEDAW/C/SR.846	Meeting held on 11 July 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/SR.849	Meeting held on 16 July 2008, 4 p.m. [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-second session

CEDAW/C/2008/III/4	Item 6 of the provisional agenda — Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

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